

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegation of corruption – Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), Podalakur, Nellore District -Treating the suspension period from 28.12.1998 to 31.01.1999 as a period spent on duty for all purposes under F.R. 54-B (3) & (4) - Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IA) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No. 2282 .**

**Dated: 17.12.2012.**  
**Read the following:-**

1. From the D.G., ACB, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.178/RCT-NNL/98, dt. 17.11.1998.
2. G.O.Rt.No.2043, PR&RD (Estt.III) Dept., dt. 22.12.1998.
3. From the D.G., ACB, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.178/RCT-NNL/1998, dt. 12.09.2011.
4. G.O.Rt.No.544, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt. 03.04.2012.
5. From the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad Lr.No.Vig.(3)/33221/98, dt. 07.04.2012.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Podalakur, Nellore District was placed under suspension as he was trapped on 06.11.1998 and the said A.O. had retired from service on 31.01.1999 on attaining the age of superannuation while continuing under suspension.

2. The Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nellore in his judgement dt. 25.11.2003 in C.C.No.9/1999 found the A.O. Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj was not guilty for the charges and accordingly acquitted the individual.

3. The Bureau filed Criminal Appeal No.659/2004 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. against the acquittal judgement of Trial Court. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Director General, ACB has informed that the Hon'ble High Court dismissed the Criminal Appeal No.659/2004 and confirmed acquittal of the accused officer Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Podalakur, Nellore District, by the trial court.

4. After examining the matter, in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, orders have been issued dropping further action against Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), keeping inview the orders of Trial Court/High Court.

5. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad while enclosing the representation of Sri K. Venkataratnam, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), has requested the Government to issue necessary orders for regularization of the suspension period from 28.12.1998 to 31.01.1999 (i.e., date of superannuation while under suspension) in respect of the individual.

6. Government, after examination of the matter, hereby order to treat the period of suspension from 28.12.1998 to 31.01.1999 (i.e., date of superannuation while under suspension) in respect of Sri K. Venkatartnam Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), Podalakur, Nellore District, as a period spent "on duty" for all purposes under F.R. 54-B (3 & (4).

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.31456/867/FR.II/2012, dt. 24.11.2012.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.SUBRAHMANYAM  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR) (FAC)

To  
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

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Sri K. Venkataratnam, Dy. Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), Podalakur,  
Nellore District, through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER